

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District Jacob K. Javits Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278-0090 ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: 1999-09200-1-L4

Issue Date: March 27, 2002

Expiration Date: April 26, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

APPLICANT:

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

One Corporate Drive, Suite 600

Shelton, CT 06484-6211

ACTIVITY:

Install a Submerged Natural Gas Pipeline

WATERWAY:

Long Island Sound and East River

LOCATION:

Village of Northport, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County and Borough of the

Bronx, Bronx County, New York.

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity.

Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in

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the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed work, fully described in the attached work description, could cause the disruption of habitat for various lifestages of some EFH-designated species. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission prepared an EFH Assessment that was included in their Environmental Impact Statement on the project. Further consultation with NMFS regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Reviews of activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act and the applicant will obtain a water quality certificate or waiver from the appropriate state agency in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to a permit decision.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occur. For activities within the coastal zone of New York State, the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the Consistency Coordinator, New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, Coastal Zone Management Program, 41 State Street, Albany, New York 12231, Telephone (518) 474-6000. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration:

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Permit
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection Permit
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Certification

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (212) 264-3912 and ask for Frank Tangorra. For more information on New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at http://www.nan.usace.army.mil

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Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

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WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., has requested Department of the Army authorization to install a submerged natural gas pipeline in Long Island Sound and East River, between the Village of Northport, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, and the Borough of Bronx, Bronx County, New York.

The work would involve the installation of approximately 36.4 miles of 24-inch submerged natural gas pipeline that would extend from a proposed interconnection with Iroquois' existing mainline at the KeySpan Northport Power Plant located in the Village of Northport, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York, across Long Island Sound to the Borough of Bronx, Bronx County, New York. The overall route is shown in Figures 1-12.

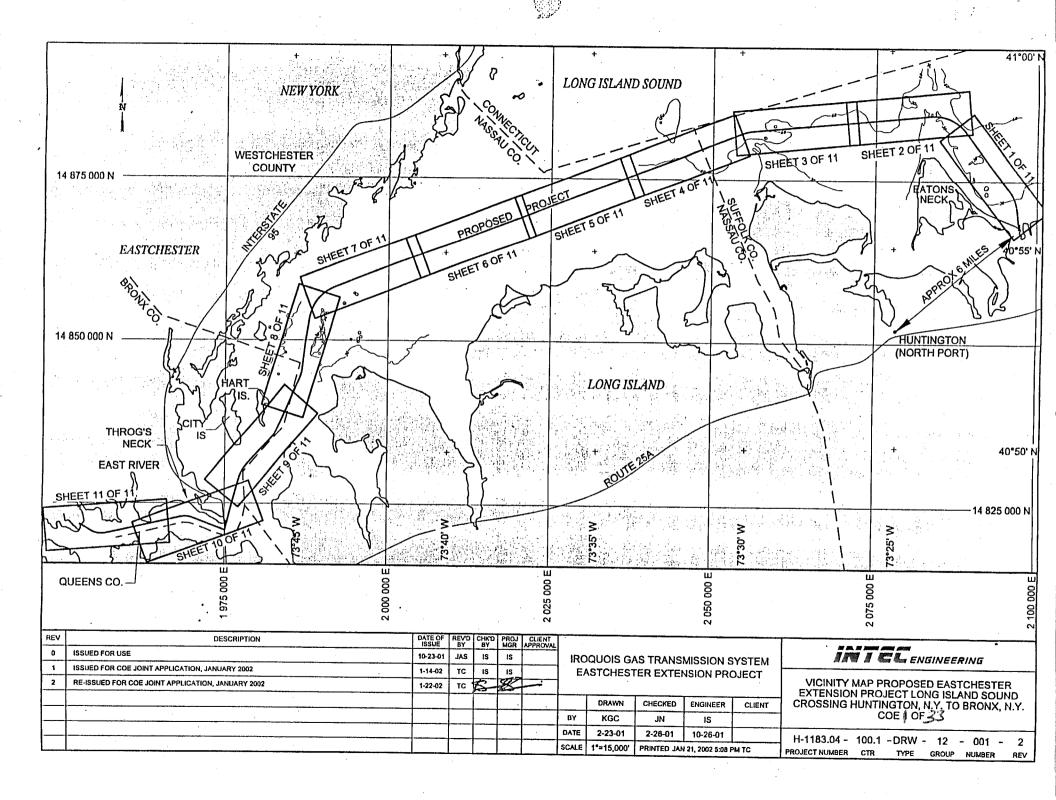
Near the northern terminus, the route would be through the East River parallel to Bronx shore line, under the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges, through a Anchorage Area, making a shore approach at Hunts Point, and would follow Food Center Drive to a meter station, that would be constructed adjacent to Consolidated Edison's Hunts Point compressor station.

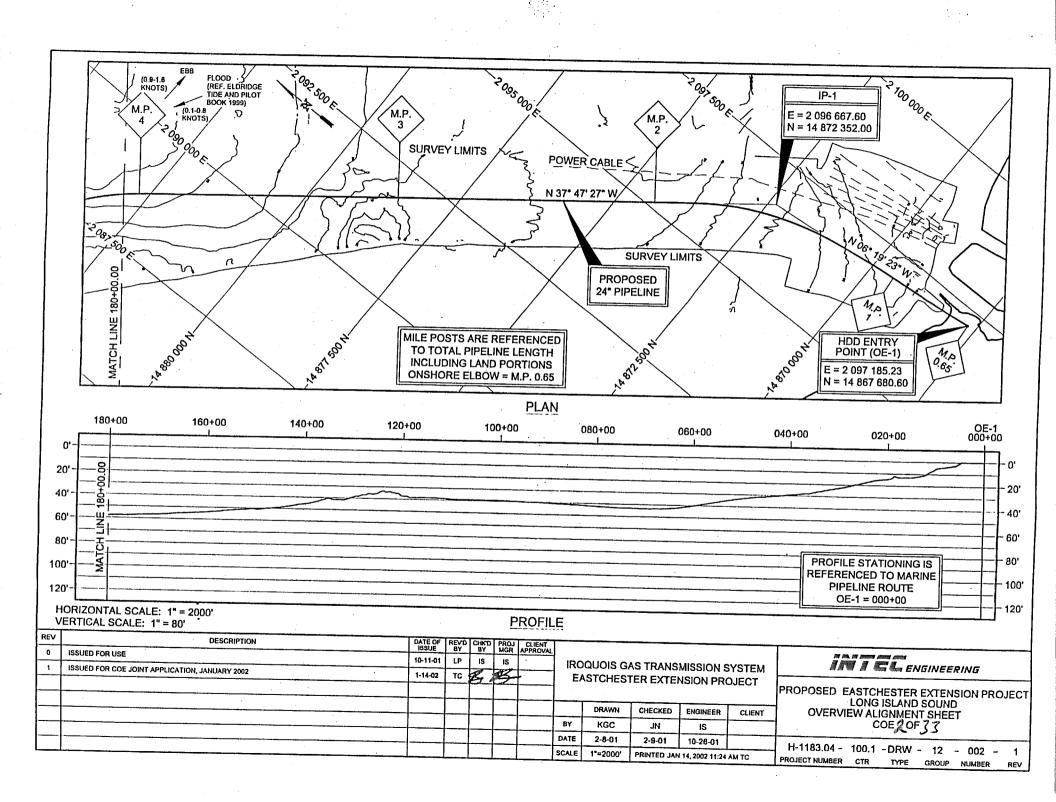
At Northport, to a distance of approximately 2,000 feet offshore, the pipeline would be installed using horizontal directional drill techniques (HDD) at a minimum of 20 feet below the substrate. Within waters of the Long Island Sound and the East River, the pipeline would be installed approximately 3 feet below the substrate using an industry plow. Backfilling above the pipeline would occur as a result of natural sedimentary processes and/or by placement of material above the pipeline. Materials that would be used to backfill above the pipeline include sediment displaced during the jetting process and/or crushed rock material emplaced using bottom dump scows. In areas where the bottom is unsuitable for plowing or trenching, rock backfill would be used to bury the pipeline.

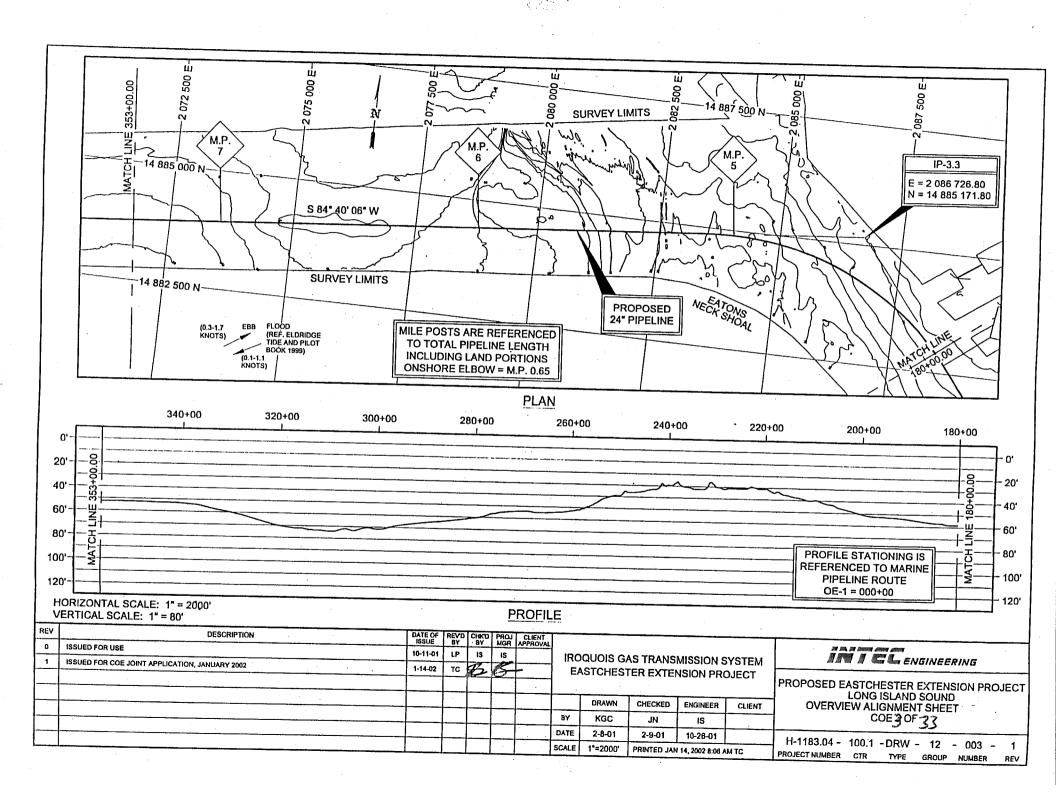
Within the East River, a concrete mat cover would be provided to protect the pipeline from damage from anchors. At the shore approach at Hunts Point, from approximately 2,500 feet offshore, the proposed pipeline would be installed approximately 20 feet below the substrate using HDD. If the pipeline would cross a navigable channel or pass within 100 feet of a navigable channel, it would be installed seven feet below the designed dredge depth.

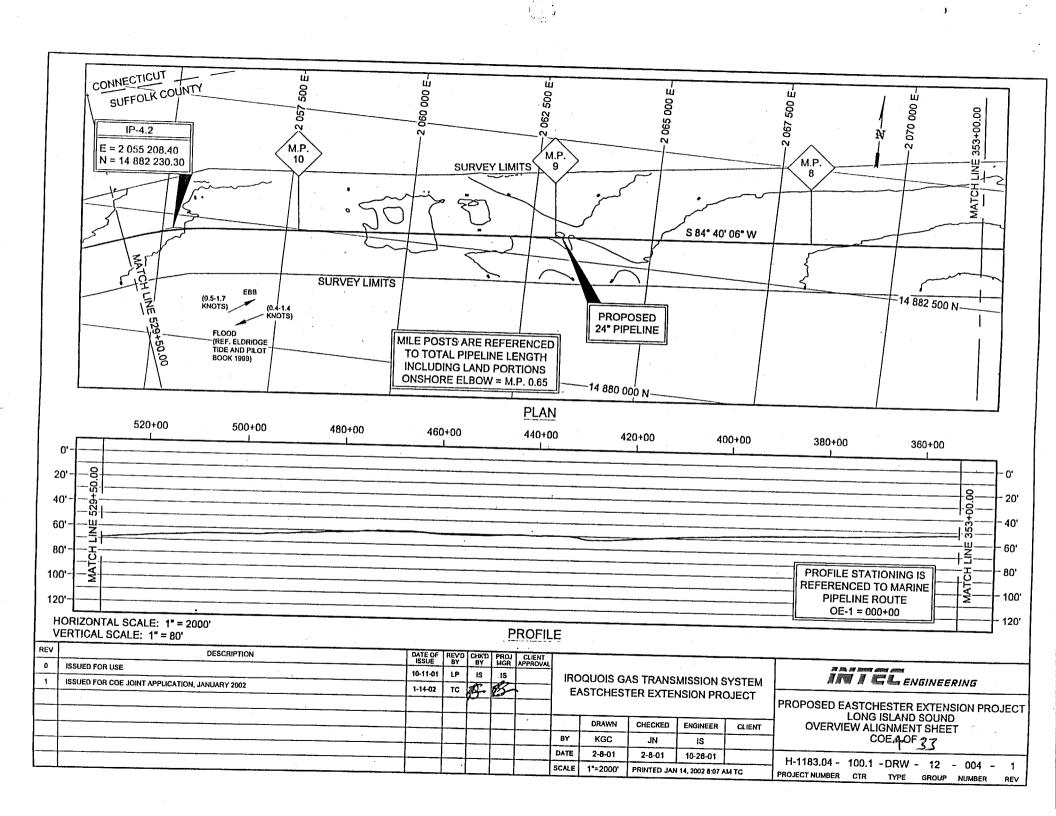
Also included in the project would be construction of two gas compressor stations and modifications to three other existing compressor stations related to the existing Iroquois Gas Pipeline. The proposed new compressor stations and modifications to one existing compressor station would not involve jurisdictional work in the waters of the United States. The two stations proposed to be modified in Town of Croghan, Lewis County and in Town of Athens, Greene County would involve filling of approximately 0.05 acres of wetlands.

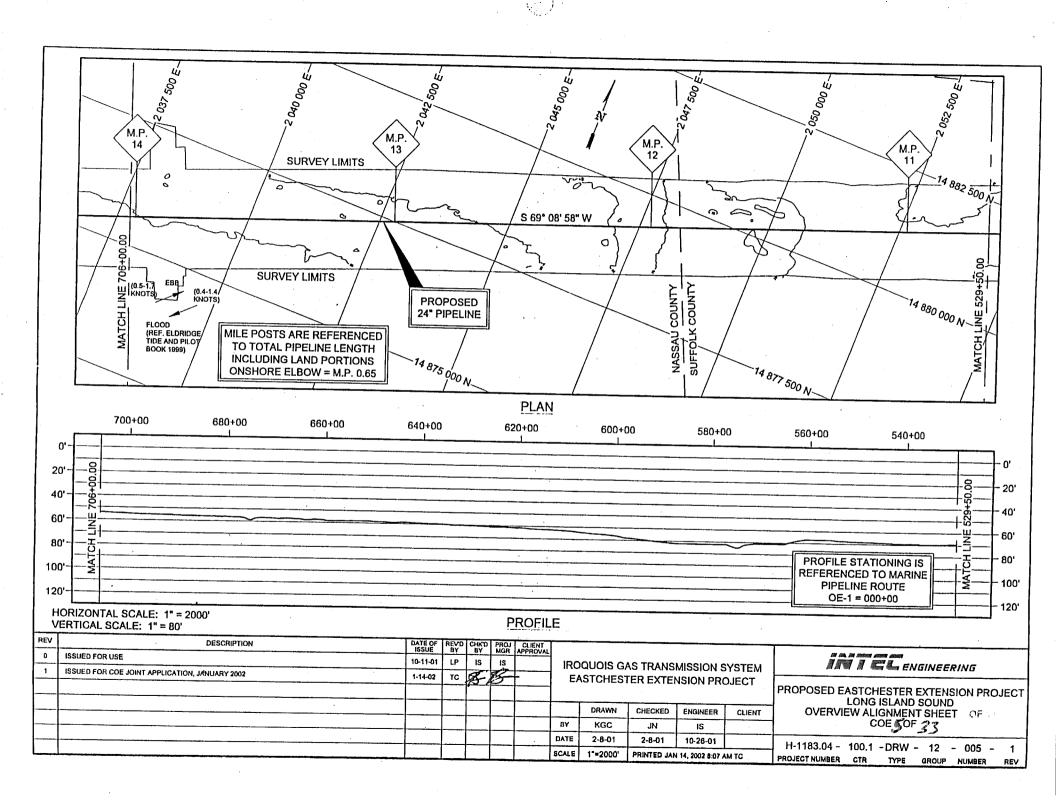
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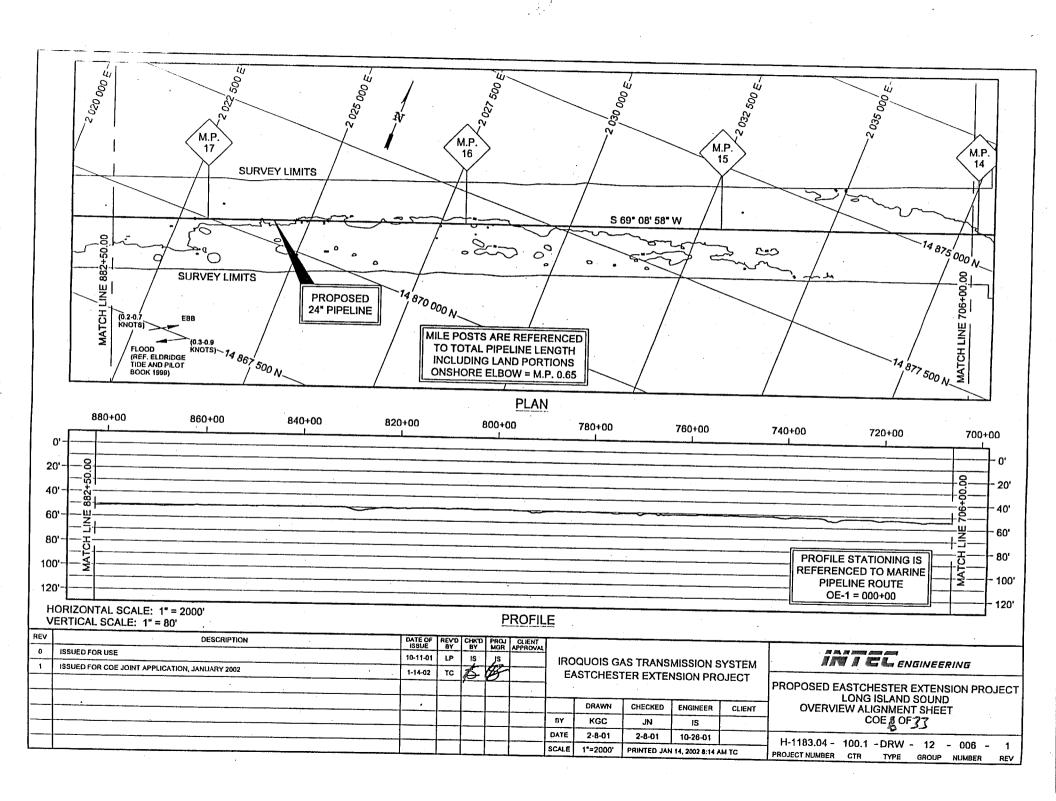


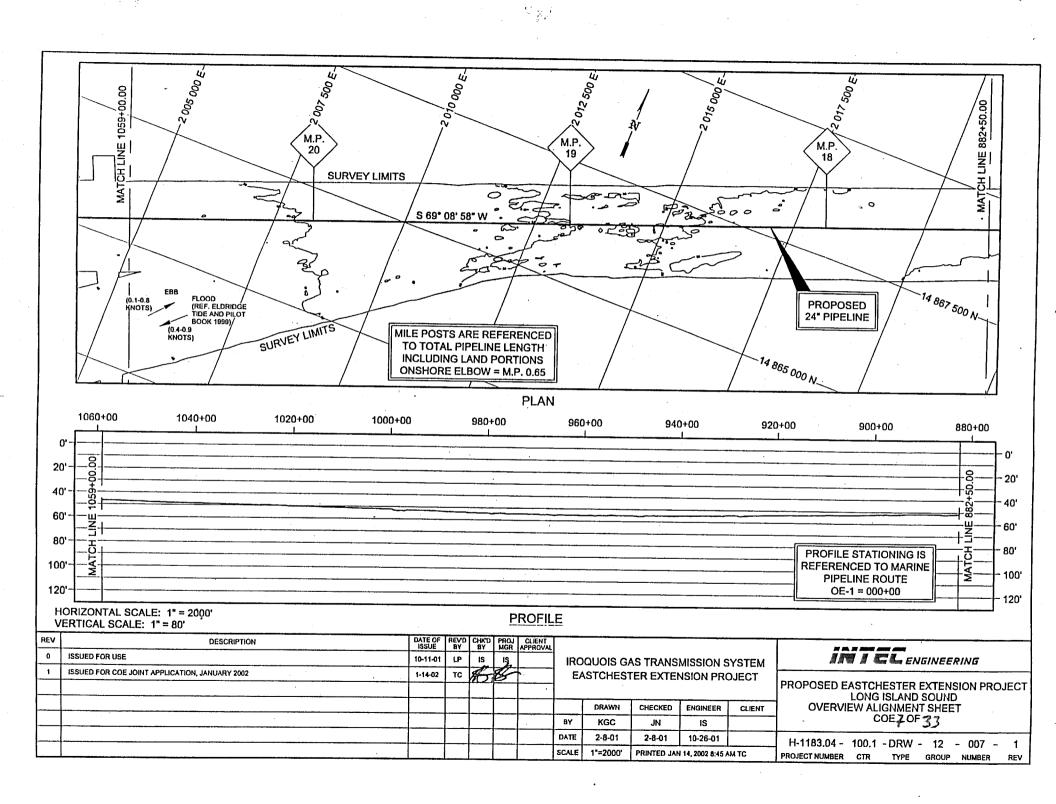


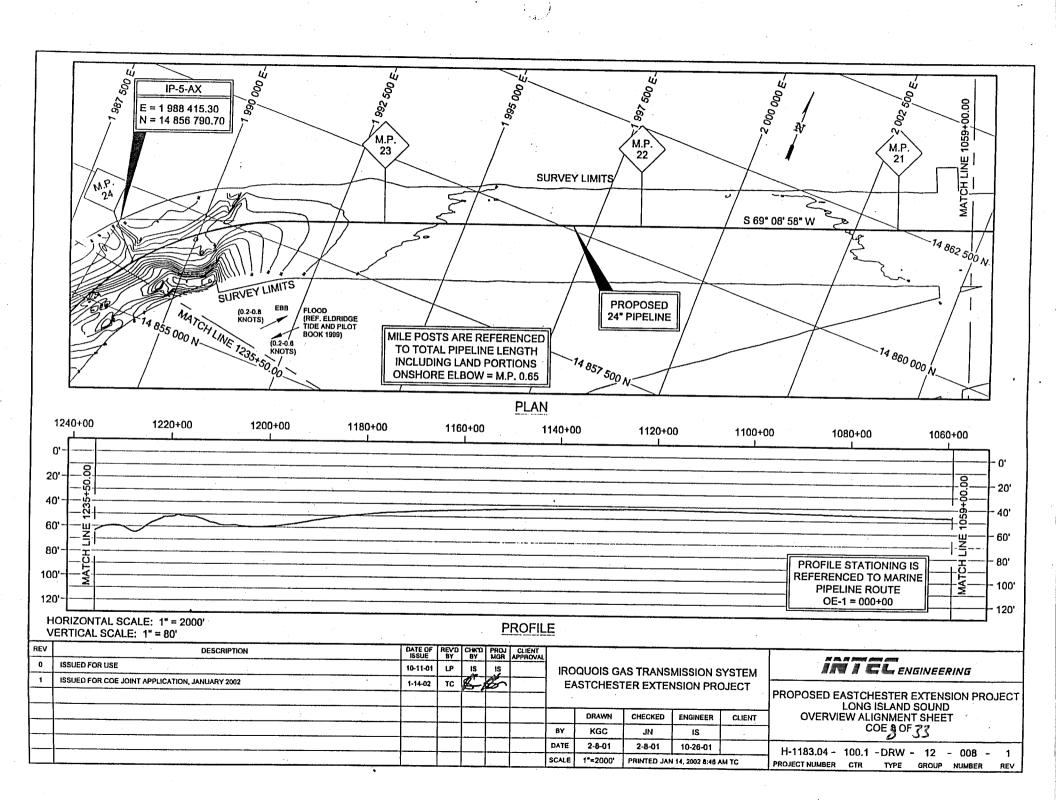


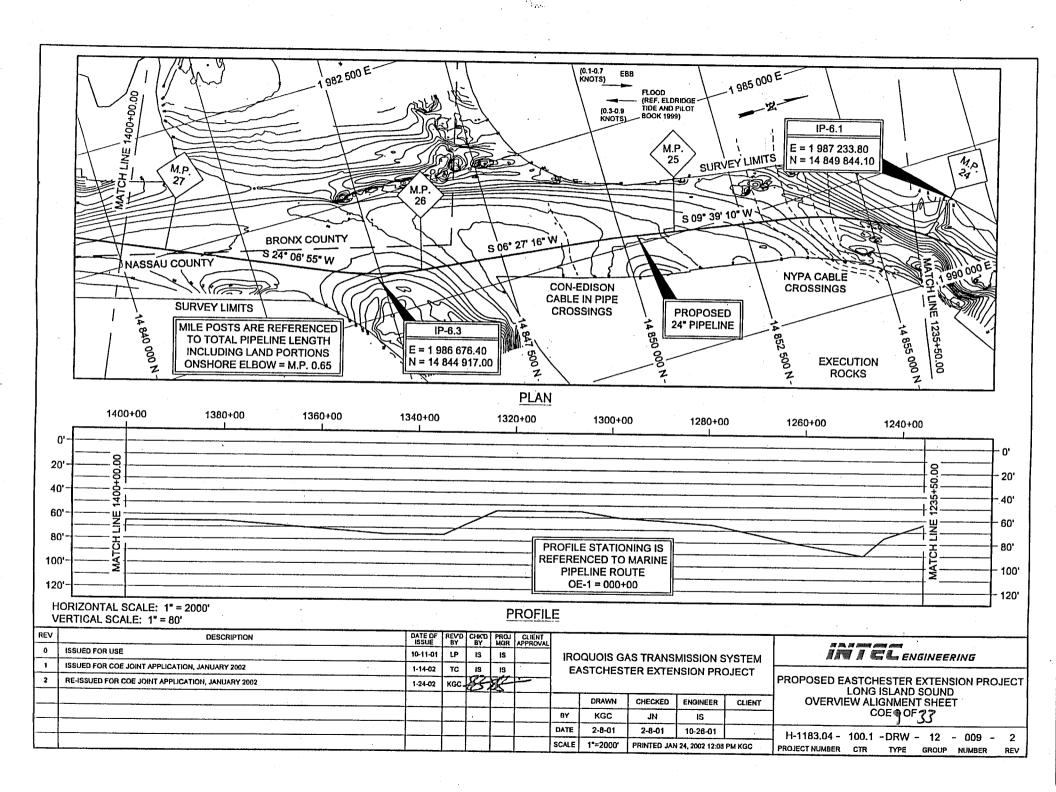


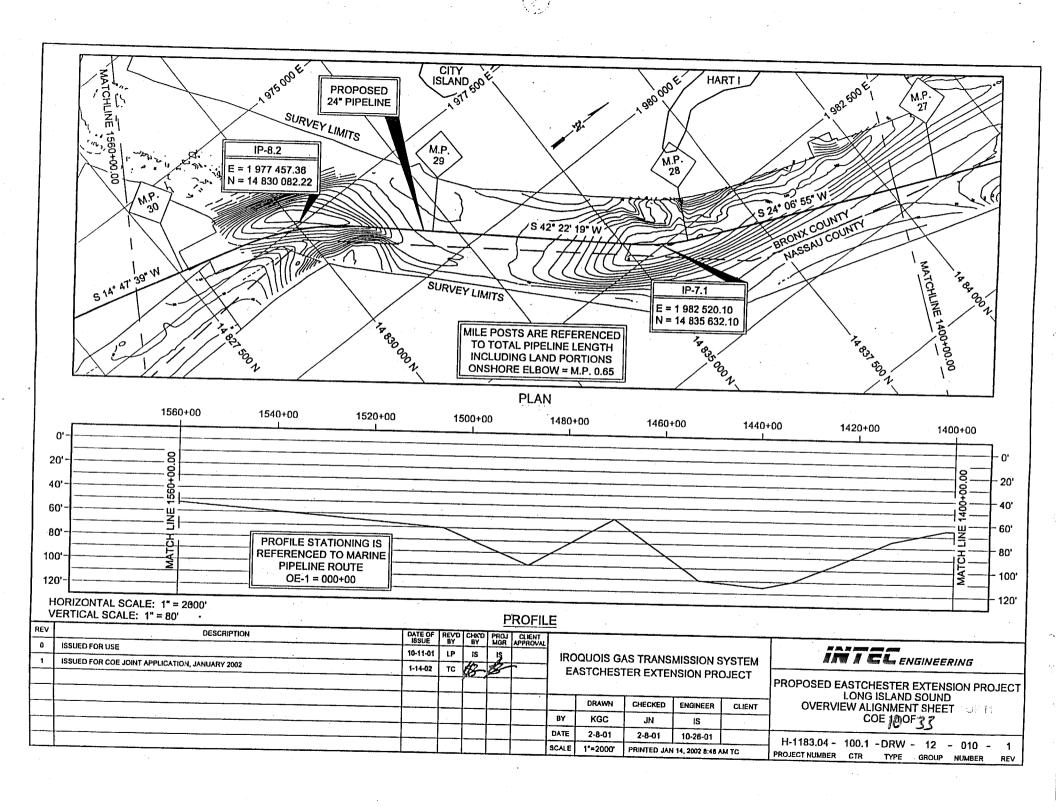


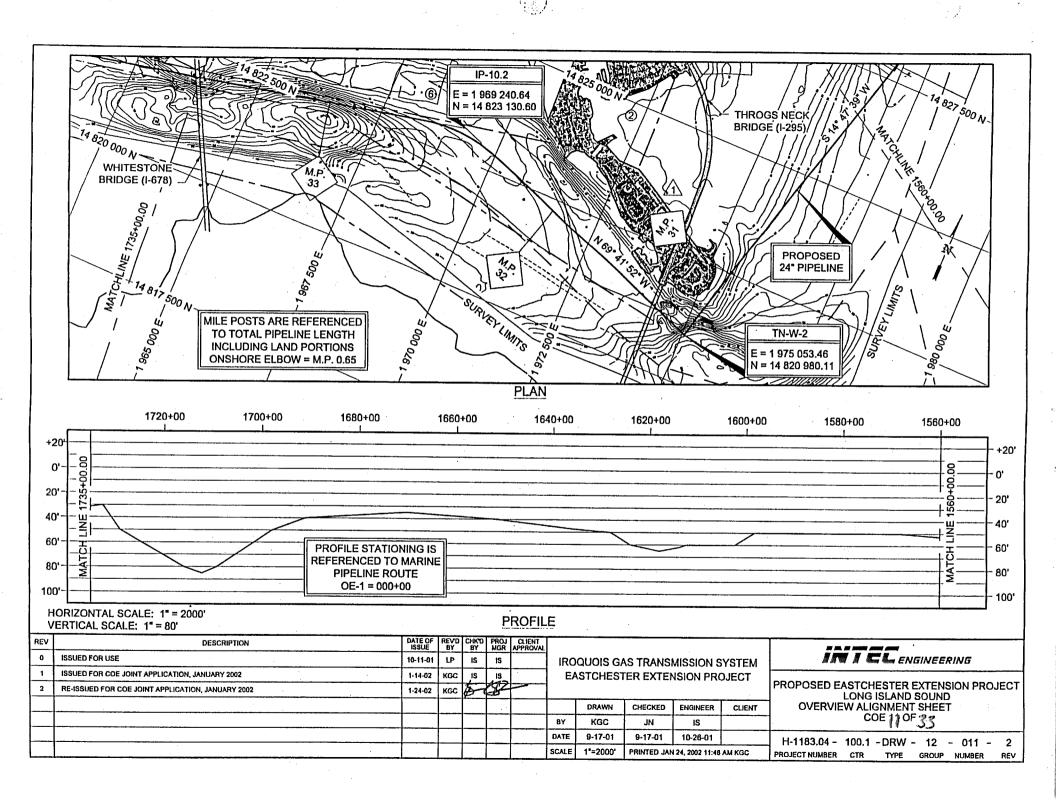


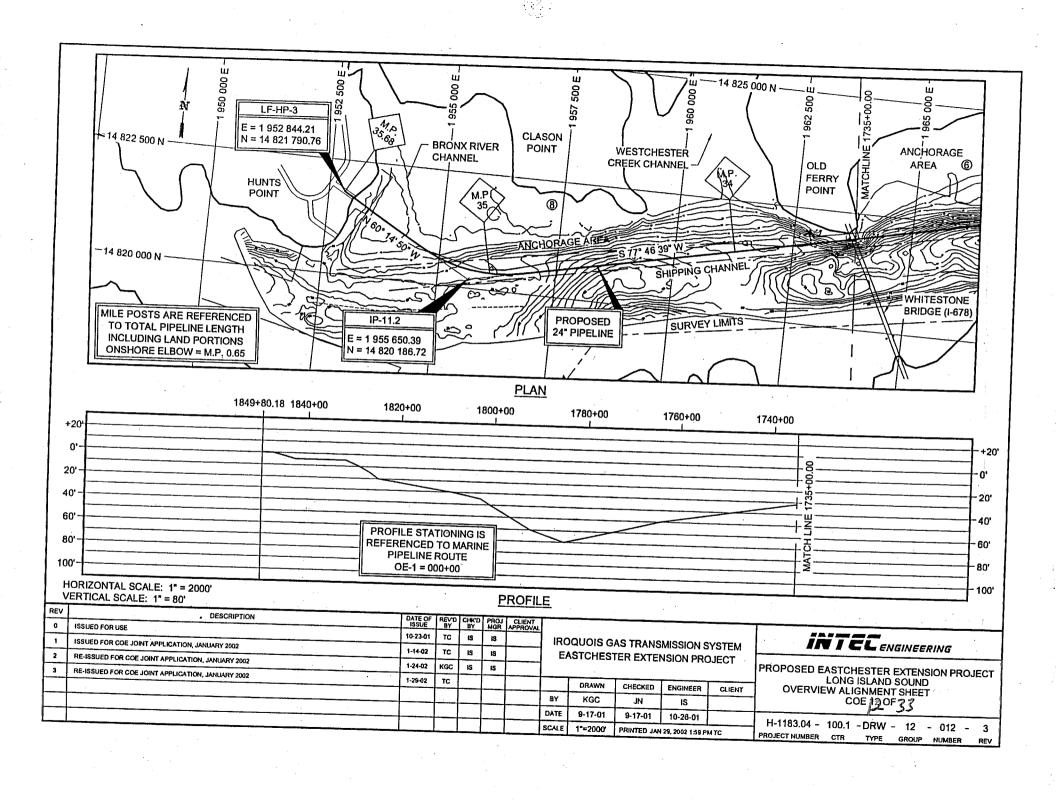


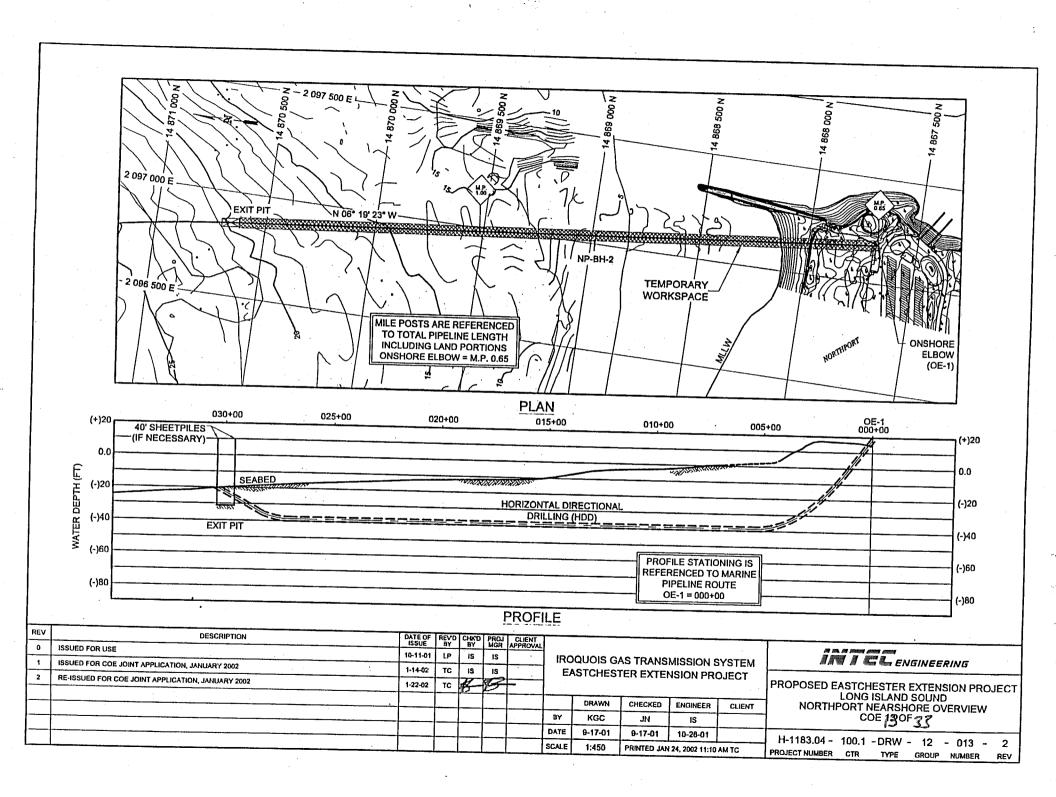


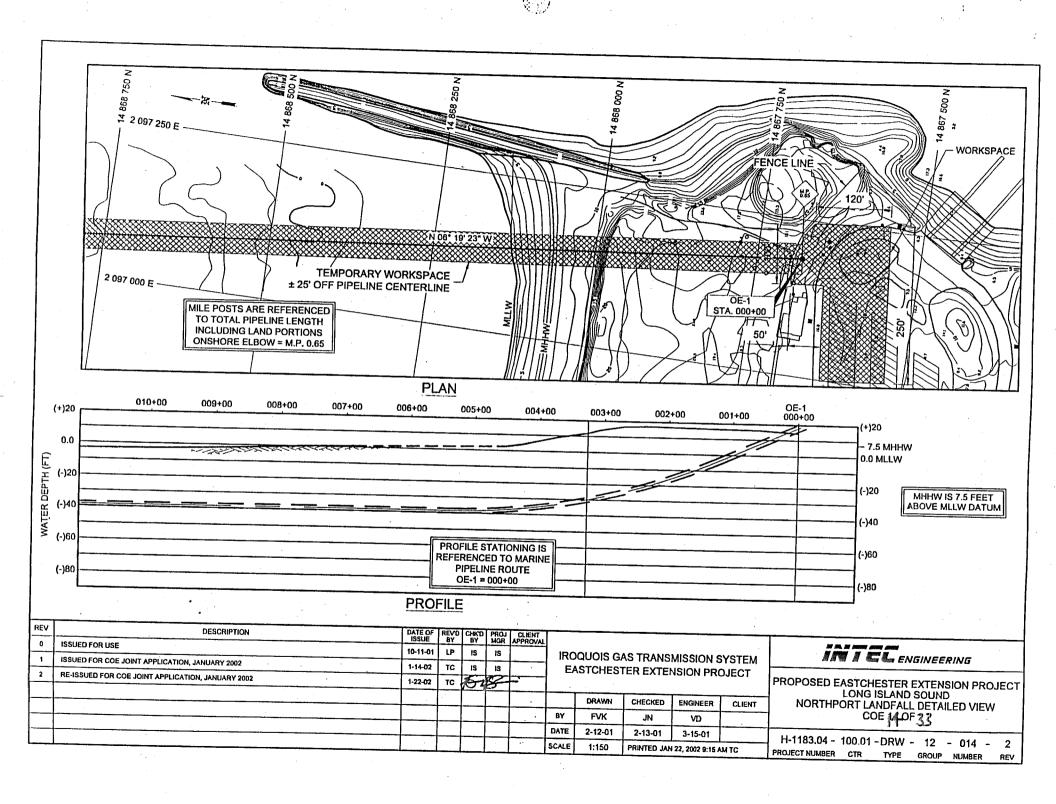


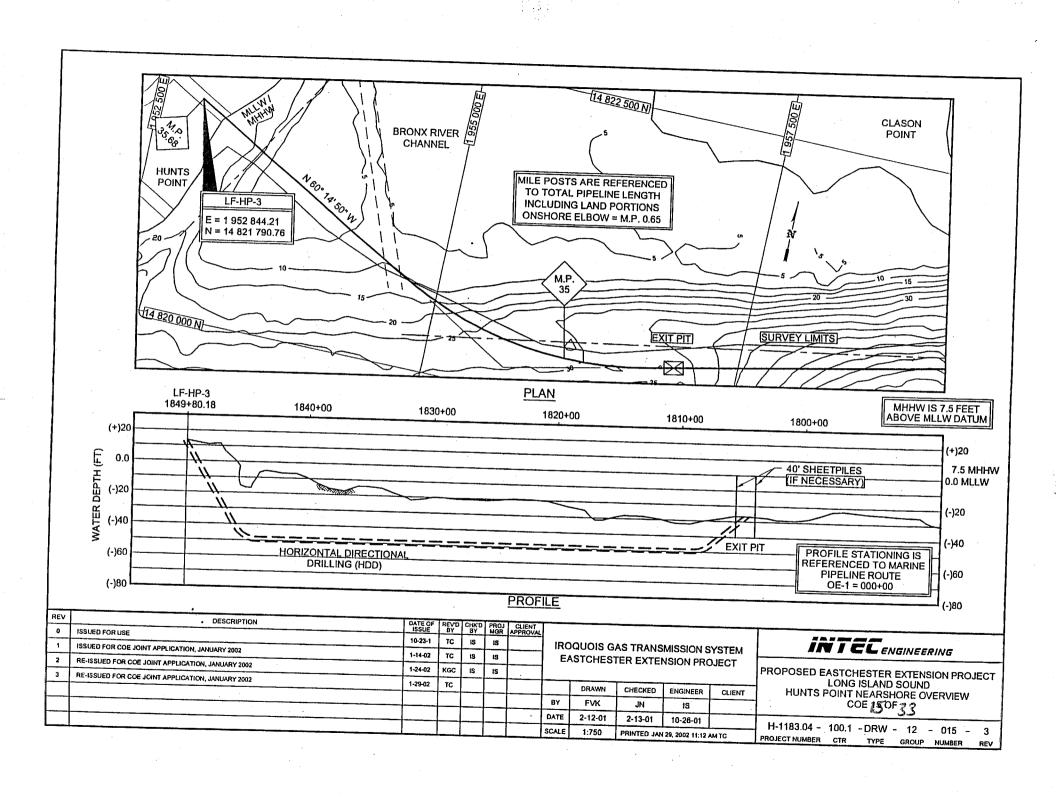


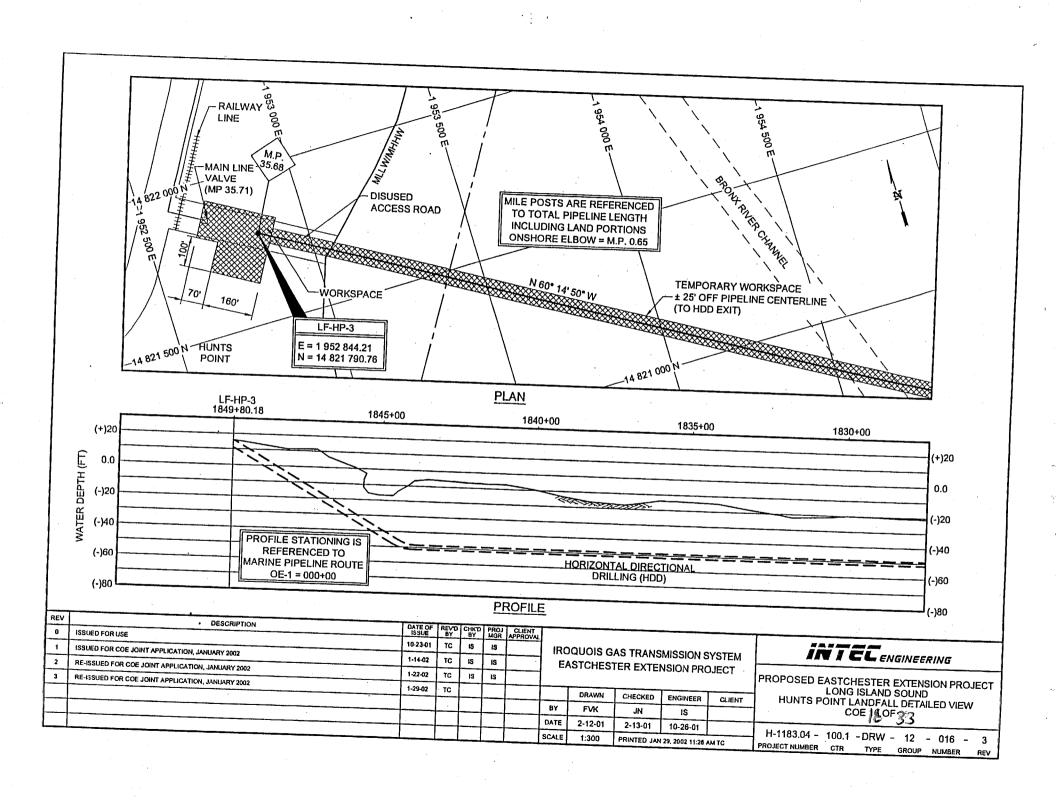


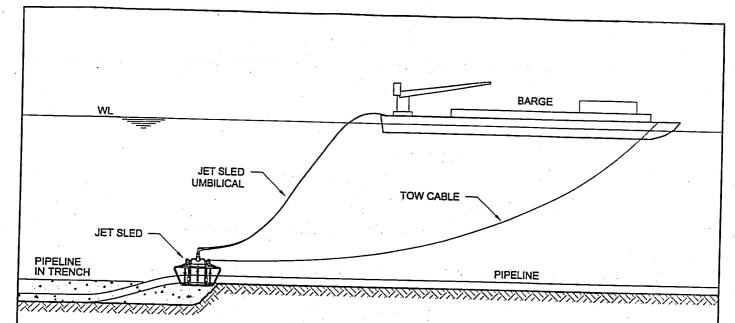




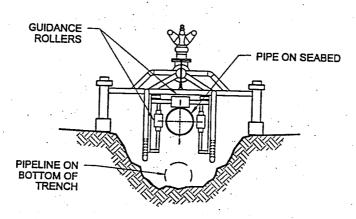








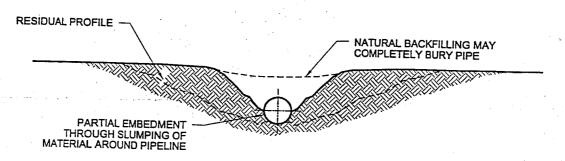
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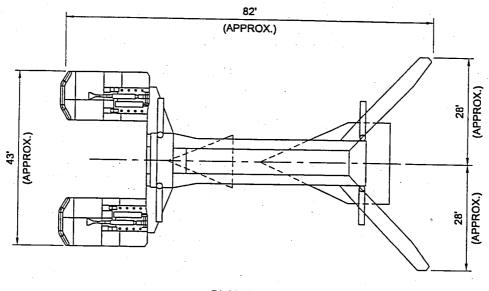
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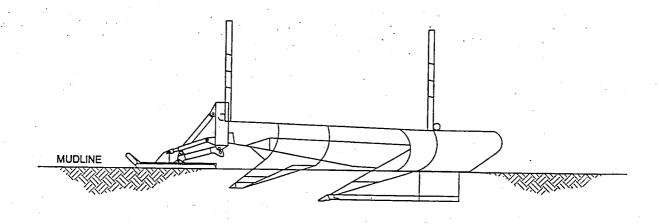


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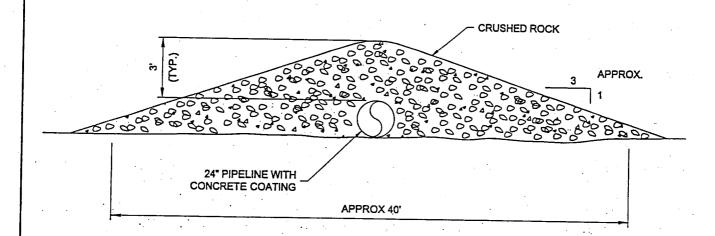


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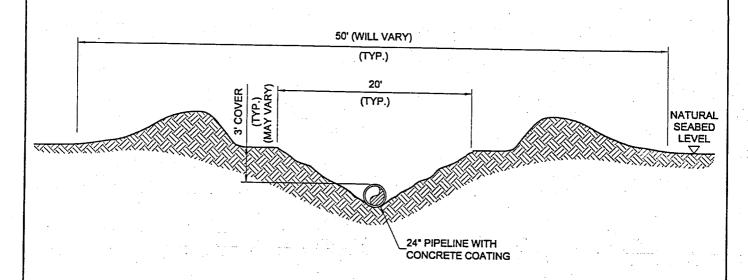


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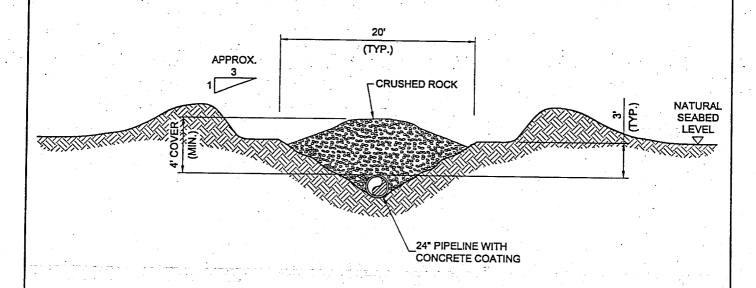
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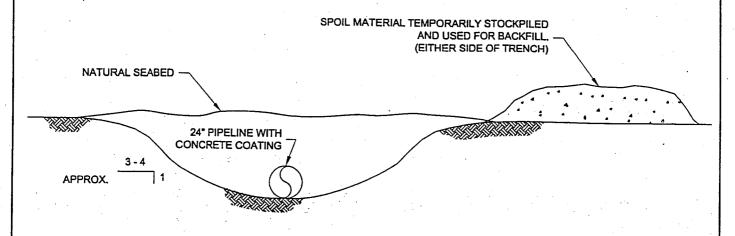


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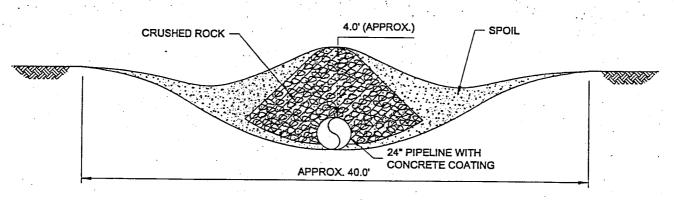
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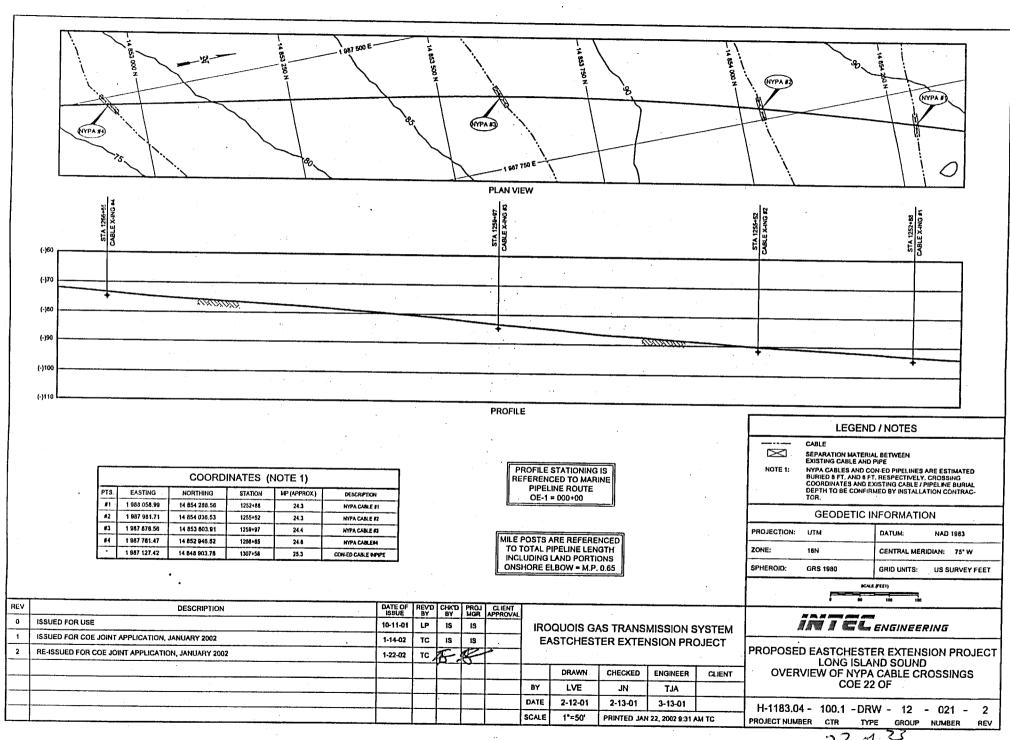
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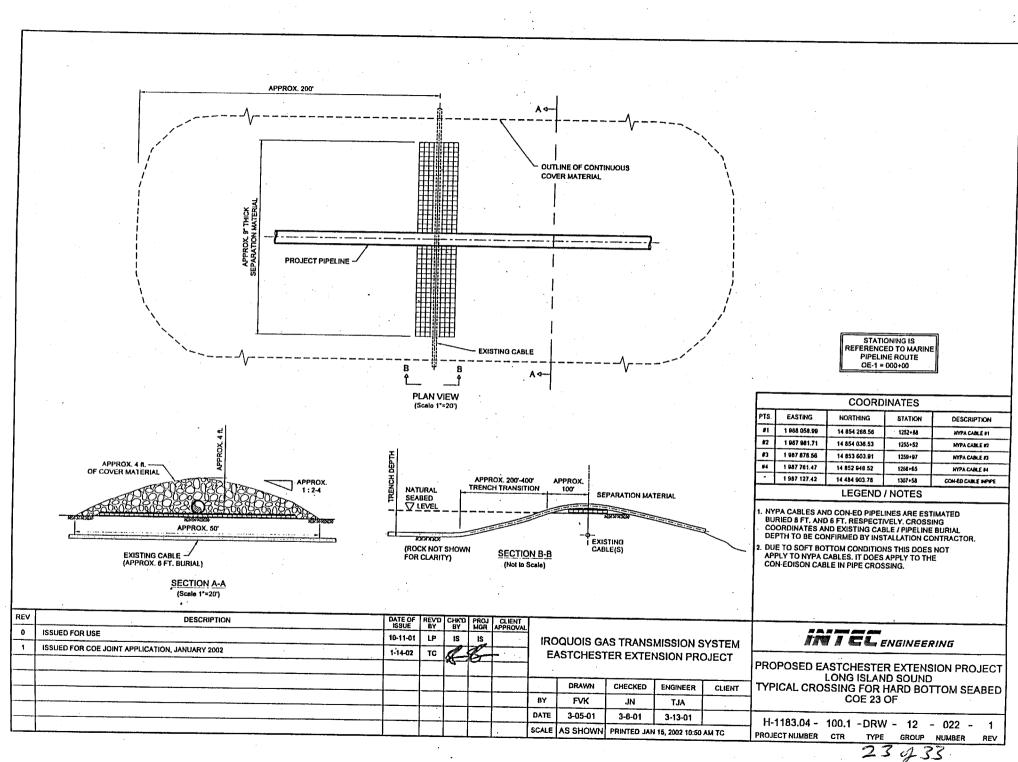
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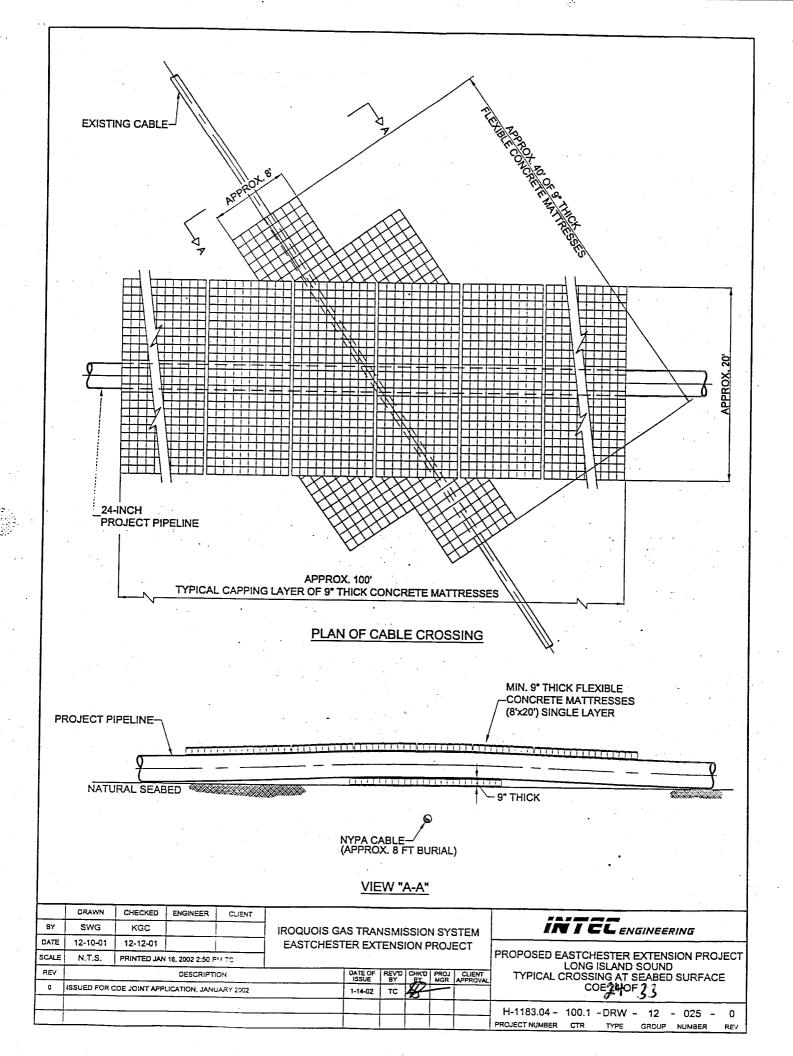
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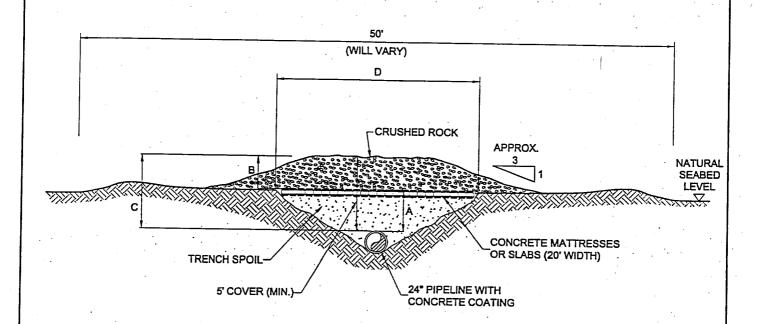
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